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SUBJECT: VESCO CASE

REF: A) STATE 056943, B) SAN JOSE 0830

1. CHACON AND HIS PAPER' S DIRECTOR HAVE AGREED TO CHACON' S PRESENCE IN NEW YORK WHEN ARIAS IS AGAIN ABLE TO TRAVEL. MADRIGAL, THE PAPER' S DIRECTOR, SEEMS TO BE NO LONGER CONCERNED OVER RETALIATORY LEGAL ACTION.

2. IN VIEW OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSION' S ADVERSE REACTION TO ORIGINAL SERVICE ATTEMPT (REFTEL B), INCLUDING LETTER PROTEST TO THE EMBASSY AND ACCOMPANYING PUBLICITY, EMBASSY' S JUDGMENT IS STILL THAT ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO SERVE STRICKLER THROUGH LOCAL LAWYER NEITHER FEASIBLE NOR PRUDENT. ANOTHER ATTEMPT IS NOT ONLY UNLIKELY TO PROSPER AS STRICKLER' S GUARD IS NOW UP MORE THAN BEFORE, BUT IN PRESENT SENSITIZED ATMOSPHERE PROBABILITY OF MORE NEGATIVE PUBLICITY, AND EVEN OFFICIAL REACTION, STIMULATED AGAIN BY STRICKLER, IS NOW INCREASED.

3. ATTORNEY ZURCHER' S LEGAL ANALYSIS OF STRICKLER' S LETTER TO HIM IN WHICH HE PRESENTED LEGAL REASONS WHY THE ORIGINAL SERVICE WAS INVALID HAS BEEN PROMISED THIS WEEK AND WILL BE FORWARDED PROMPTLY BY POUCH (SAN JOSE 0938). STRICKLER' S LETTER TO ZURCHER DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INDICATE HE WAS AWARE THAT THE DOCUMENTS WHICH HE WAS PRESENTED WERE INCOMPLETE.

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